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TO : Asst. Deputy Director (Admin), IAS  
FROM : Assistant Director for Scientific Intelligence

DATE: APR 25 '51

SUBJECT: Conversations with Dr. [REDACTED]

1. Mr. [REDACTED] of the [REDACTED] held a cocktail party at his home on the evening of 23 April to introduce Dr. [REDACTED] and Dr. [REDACTED]. These gentlemen are in the city primarily for a meeting called by AEC about analytical detection equipment. Among the guests were Dr. and Mrs. [REDACTED]. During the informal conversations, Dr. [REDACTED] asked to have three or four minutes for private conversation, and we retired to the library.

2. Dr. [REDACTED] asked what was happening in CIA on the subject very close to his heart of special interrogation methods; said that he had heard from somebody in CIA, probably from one of the covert shops, that [REDACTED] had assumed leadership of the program. He said that if CIA did not plan to develop the program aggressively, he felt it was so important that he was planning to take personal steps within the Department of Defense. I told him of the selection of Dr. [REDACTED] and asked if he, [REDACTED], would be willing to talk with [REDACTED] and myself. The answer was in the affirmative. I also asked Kachle if he felt that the first thing that should be done in this program was to put out a word of warning to the Department of Defense on the defensive aspects, and if so, what sort of warning should be given. He said that he would like to think about it and would be glad to talk about it at the time that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] saw him.

3. [REDACTED] has been to [REDACTED] recently, perhaps on two trips, and knows something about the methods that the Chinese are using for uniformed personnel. He knows of no use of drugs or hypnosis, but has received reports on the use of duress. He says that there are formal Army reports on the subjects.

4. With your concurrence I will ask Dr. [REDACTED] to talk with Dr. [REDACTED] early in the program. I am sure that Dr. [REDACTED] would appreciate any briefing that you may wish to give him about the scope of these conversations.

5. On an entirely different subject, and divorced from the conversation with Dr. [REDACTED], have you given any thought to the program that should be planned for the debriefing of Mr. Vogeler, should he become available in the near future?